

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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POTATO STOCKS IN ALASKA: The preliminary forecast of potato stocks on farms on October 1, 2001 was estimated at 220,000 cwt, 94 percent of the 2001 crop. Last year, 123,800 cwt of potatoes were in storage on October 1. Disappearance to October 1 was 15,000 cwt. compared with 5,200 cwt a year ago.

The preliminary forecast of production, at 235,000 cwt, would make this the largest crop on record in Alaska. Good conditions throughout the growing season combined with near perfect fall weather let growers harvest this large crop of potatoes. While production is up across the state, the Tanana Valley saw a large increase in production after last year's poor growing conditions.

OCTOBER 1, 2001 POTATO STOCKS - 1,000 CWT										
Year	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
October 1 Stocks	115.0	140.0	125.0	207.0	110.0	149.5	134.5	170.5	123.8	220.0
Production	130.0	157.0	134.0	220.0	126.0	168.0	150.0	185.0	129.0	235.0
October 1 Stocks as % of Production	88	89	93	94	88	90	90	92	96	94

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